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## **Public Comment Sought on Petrox Northern Extension Pipeline and Associated Fruitland Coal Gas Horizontal Drilling Project**

**DURANGO, CO., April 22, 2020** – The San Juan National Forest, Columbine Ranger District, is seeking public comment on a pre-decisional draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Petrox Northern Extension Pipeline and Associated Fruitland Coal Gas Horizontal Drilling Project. The project area is located in Archuleta County, in the Fosset Gulch and Lange Canyon areas of the HD Mountains east of Bayfield, Colorado.

The proposed action is construction of a 8.6-mile Northern Extension Pipeline on National Forest System, state, and private lands; the construction of one new gas well, well pad, and access road on National Forest System land; and the recompletion of two existing wells on National Forest System land. The draft Environmental Assessment, with maps, is available for viewing and download under the Comment Period Tab, online at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53825>. Comments should also be submitted through this webpage.

Written comments will be accepted for 30 calendar days following publication of notice in the Durango Herald, scheduled for April 22, 2020. The Forest Service encourages comments be submitted electronically in the online comment form located on the [project website](#). Hard copy comments may be mailed via US Postal Service to: Petrox Pipeline EA Comments, Columbine Ranger District, P.O. Box 439, Bayfield, Colorado 81122. Hand-delivered or courier-delivered (UPS, FedEx) comments are not being accepted at this time.

This project falls under new Objection Regulations at 36 CFR 218, subparts A and B. In order to object to a proposed decision, a person must have previously submitted timely, specific written comments during identified public comment periods. The comment period being announced at this time is the last chance to establish eligibility to object for this project. Comments received,



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including names and addresses of commenters, will be part of the public record.

For more information, or for a hard copy of the EA, please contact Walt Brown at [walter.brown@usda.gov](mailto:walter.brown@usda.gov) or (970)385-1372.

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